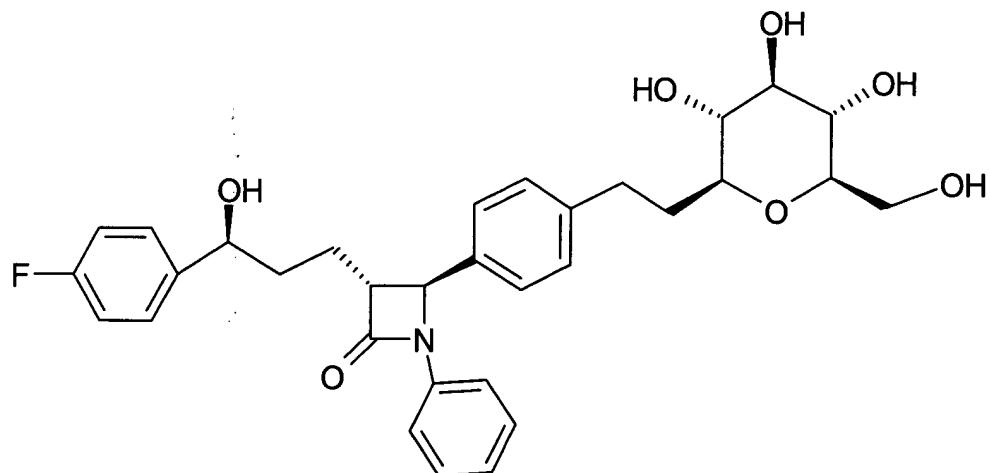


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously cancelled).
2. (Previously cancelled).
3. (Previously cancelled).
4. (Currently amended) A serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis comprising a combination of a compound represented by the following formula or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts



and at least one HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor selected from the group consisting of atorvastatin and rosuvastatin.

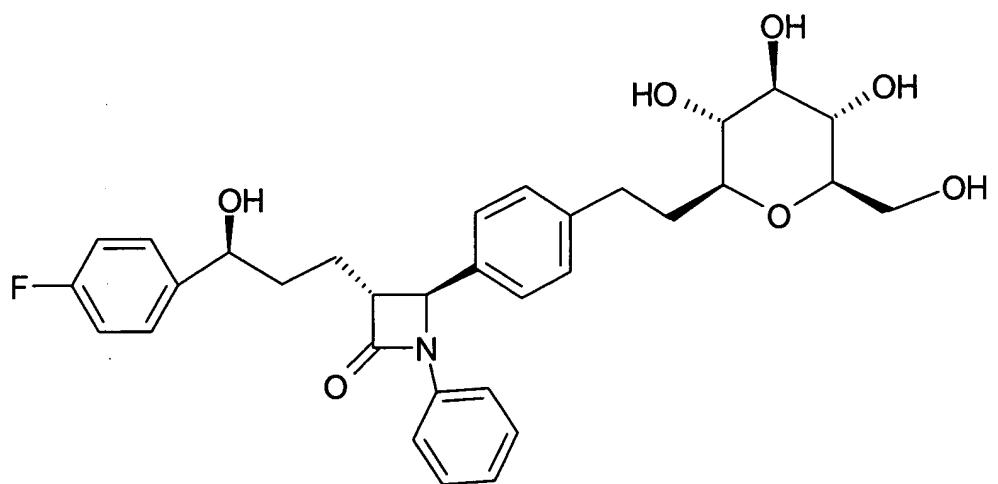
5-28. (Previously cancelled).

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously amended) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 in the form of a powder, tablet, granule, capsule, liquid, suspension, suppository, ointment or inhalant.

31. (Previously added) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 further comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives or excipients selected from lubricants, binders, collapses, fillers, buffers, emulsifiers, preservatives, anti-oxidants, coloring agents, coating agents or suspending agents.

32. (Previously amended) The serum cholesterol lowering agent or preventive or therapeutic agent for atherosclerosis according to claim 4 comprising the compound represented by the formula



in amounts corresponding to 0.1~100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions and the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor in amounts corresponding to 5~100 mg/kg (mammalian weight) per day in divisions.

33. (Previously cancelled)